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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 29 December 1950

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The Aspern (P 49/X 49) airfield was observed through field glasses on 6 December 1950, from the paths running around the field and from the railway north of the field. One twin-engine semi-high-wing monoplane, 10 single-engine biplanes, and 110 Pe-2s, parked in nine rows of 12 and two individual planes, were counted there. (1)
2. There was no flying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. No fighters were seen. The planes mentioned above were definitely identified and counted. (2)
3. No work was being done on the taxiway, runway or other objects. (2) The only difference from previous observations was that two wooden sheds were being erected and an additional wooden shed was completed and used as a garage.
4. The occupation of the quarters in Aspern and Gross-Enzersdorf was unchanged.
5. A radio installation consisting of a single-metal mast about 5 meters high, was seen in the area of the Konrad Kaserne, Gross-Enzersdorf. Several antenna wires radiated from the mast to poles about 1 meter high.

(3)

6. The following motor vehicles were seen:

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- a. Nine vehicles including one jeep, one ambulance and seven trucks, in the garage on Zachgasse, Aspern.

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- b. Tank trucks truck passenger cars and jeep entered and left the field.

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- c. Ten trucks including one wrecker, and nine motor vehicles including one truck with a box-like superstructure, one ambulance, one bus, three tank trucks, and the remainder trucks, at the Gross-Enzersdorf home for aged people. (4)

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Comments.

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- (1) The occupation is the same as in the preceding months. Two bomber regiments, probably the 81st and 82nd Regt of the 1st Gds Bmr Div, are believed to be stationed in Aspern.
- (2) The information is significant because of rumors that numerous jet fighters are allegedly stationed in Aspern or Deutsch-Wagram. The observation that no construction work was being done on taxiways and runways indicates that a permanent occupation by jet aircraft, at least a large number of such planes, is improbable in the near future. The runway was constructed by the Germans in 1943/1944 and was about 1.5 km long. An extension by the Soviets after 1945 is unknown and is not believed to be probable.
- (3) This is certainly a transmitting tower.  50X1-HUM
- Ground units belonging to the Aspern airfield have been continually reported since April 1948, as occupying the Konrad Kaserne.
- (4) The motor vehicle  were previously observed in Aspern. This 50X1-HUM indicates that the ground units are still the same as in the preceding months.

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